

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I am writing with concern for the possibility that regulations may be relaxed that will allow the control of media to be in the hands of a less diverse group.

Diversity in our media is critical. To allow news coverage and editorial opinion to be concentrated in the hands of a few high-dollar people is asking for trouble.

I am worried that our news will be presented with a slant and that we will have no other alternative viewpoints. Already we have reduced local news, and I am worried that this local coverage will become less important. I am worried that all our op-ed articles will have that same slant.

The rich, powerful few are beginning to have their way in many aspects of our lives. The problem is that often what is beneficial for them is not very good for everyone else. Public media has been a good guardian against these kinds of greed, and we must not weaken this independent coverage. Just the opposite we should encourage independent media.

Yes, the high-rollers have enough power to crowd out the smaller media companies. I am sure they must be pressuring you to allow them to control more markets. However, you are in a unique position to make the correct decisions on the behalf of us normal people. You folks at the FCC are the ones who can make personal and public stands that will help us all.

Thanks for your time with this.

Sincerely,

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